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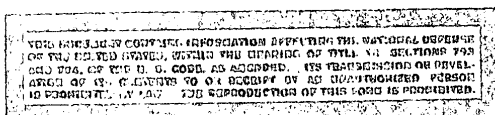
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1. The Deutsche Waren-Vertriebsgesellschaft (DWV), the Berlin Handelsbuero (HB), Chemiapha, and Novum are close affiliates directly responsible to the Central Committee of the SED. These firms have a collective directorate, which is directly answerable to the Central Committee of the SED, and which consists of the following persons:

Richter, Willy  
Pastzold, Arthur

General manager (Hauptdirektor)  
Deputy general manager for coordination of assignments  
Deputy general manager for coordination of financial matters  
Section chief (Leiterin) for coordination of personnel matters  
Section chief for coordination of testing duties (Kontrollaufgaben)

Roemer, Gertrud

Reppenhagen (fnu)

Sooth (fnu)

Albrecht, Mrs. (fnu)

Brauer, Mrs. (fnu)

Fietz, Mrs. (fnu)

Gerstenberger, Mrs. (fnu)

Metznath, Mrs. (fnu)

Coppert, Miss (fnu)

Directorate stenographers

Lammol (fnu)

Lache, Mrs. (fnu)

Used for special assignments of the directorate

2. Under this directorate are ranged:

- a. Deutsche Waren-Vertriebsgesellschaft m.b.H., Berlin W 8, Friedrichstrasse 61 (DWV)  
b. Handelsbuero G.m.b.H., Berlin C 2, Schahrenstrasse 9a (HB)  
c. Chemiapha G.m.b.H., Berlin W 8, Kronenstrasse 33  
d. Novum Handelsgesellschaft m.b.H., Berlin NW 7, Friedrichstrasse 133/134

3. Organizational structure of the DWV:

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Schulze, Herbert	Head manager (Leitender Geschaeftsfuehrer)
Laengert, Willi	Manager for mining
Neubert, Fritz	Manager for polygraphic machines
Tschoerner, Rudi	Manager for food
Franke, Helmut	Head bookkeeper

## a. Office (Kontor) 85 (Potash and potash products):

Hueckstedt, Willi	Chief
Hoppe, Marianne	Deputy chief

## b. Office 86 (Ammonium sulfate, calcium nitrate, ammoniated calcium nitrate):

Schwiedecke, Walter	Chief
Haase (fnu)	Deputy chief

## c. Office 87 (Coal and coal products):

Kreis, Horst	Chief
Handlos, Gertraude	Deputy chief

## d. Office 88 (Sugar):

Wittwer (fnu)	Chief
Stegemann, Miss (fnu)	Deputy chief

## e. Office 89 (Import - coffee, cocoa, uncut diamonds)

Struehwing (fnu)	Chief
Buergin (fnu)	Deputy chief

## f. Planning Department (Abteilung):

kemper (fnu)	Chief
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## g. Legal Department:

Kasler (fnu)	Chief
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## h. Testing (Kontrolle) Department:

Kuczinsky, Mrs. (fnu)	Chief
Michaelis (fnu)	Deputy chief
Werner, Mrs. (fnu)	

## i. Cadre Department:

Mietling (fnu)	Chief
Grimm, Mrs. (fnu)4	Deputy chief

## j. Labor Department:

Feuser (fnu)	Chief
Loeschner, Mrs. (fnu)	Deputy chief
Will (fnu)	Referent for schooling
Friedrich, Mrs. (fnu)	Referent for cadre instruction

## k. General Administration Department:

Figura, Mrs. (fnu)	Chief
Georgi, Mrs. (fnu)	Deputy chief

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## 1. Traffic Department:

Ohst (fnu)	Chief
Arend (fnu)	Deputy chief

## m. Finance Department:

Franke, Helmut	Head bookkeeper
Bestehorn (fnu)	Deputy
Zeuge (fnu)	(Betriebswirt)
Engel (fnu)	Bookkeeping chief
Kramer (fnu)	(Preisvergleichskontrolleur)
Wittke (fnu)	Finance instructor

## n. Works Party Organization:

Winkler (fnu)	Party Secretary
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4. Since the East German government needs unblocked currency accounts, the articles which bring in the most of such currency are concentrated in the DWV. In this manner the DWV constitutes the free domestic economy of East Germany. As already mentioned, the DWV operates under the guidance of the Central Committee of the SED and is in no way subordinate or responsible to the Ministry for Foreign and Domestic Trade. The DWV handles predominantly export matters which are to be carried out within the framework of the Economic Plan, as well as special matters for certain products within the framework of the Plan. In order to obtain the desired currency accounts, the DWV exports mainly: high quality (hochprozentig) fertilizers, sugar and "polygraphic" machines. The DWV exports only ammonium sulphate to China, partly via Sovusrom in Moscow. Fertilizers are also exported by the DWV

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5. The DWV handles only exports; imports are handled by the pertinent DIA department. Example: The Leuna Werke produces products over and above its planned quotas; the DWV sells these products for the Leuna Werke, accepts the currency and buys other products; these then are brought in through the competent DIA import department.

6. Transport companies, with and through whom the DWV works, are:

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7. In all of the business transactions of the DWV, there does not seem to be any indication of an increase in the armament of East Germany, in contrast to the year 1952 when lead from Yugoslavia was imported via Tangier and seamless Mannesmann pipe was brought into Wismar or Rostock

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8. Handelsbuero G.m.b.H.  
Berlin C2, Schahrenstrasse 9a

This company, headed by one Werbke (fnu), is able to obtain critical materials and also handles coffee, cocoa, and uncut diamonds. These transactions are always unofficial ones involving trade Rumania, or one of the other Eastern satellites, often acts as a middleman.

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9. Chemiepha G.m.b.H.  
Berlin W8, Kronenstrasse 33

This company also does business with special emphasis on the products and needs of USIA companies Chemiepha works closely with A.K. Kurtke in this. In addition, Chemiepha conducts business with the Leuna and Buna works. This however takes second place as to importance or priority.

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